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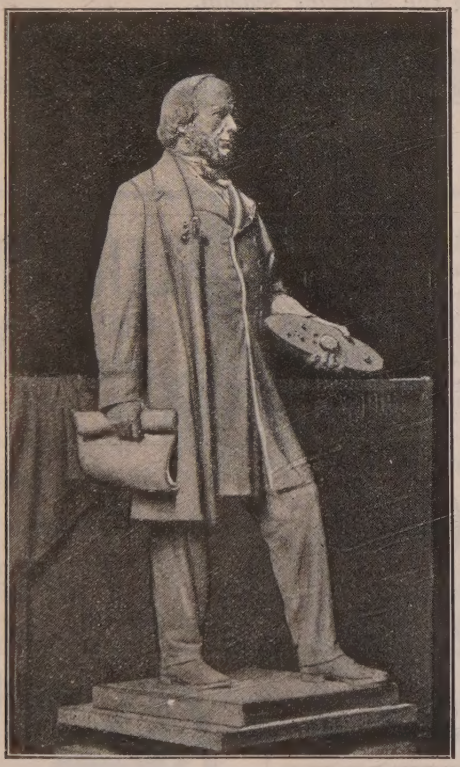

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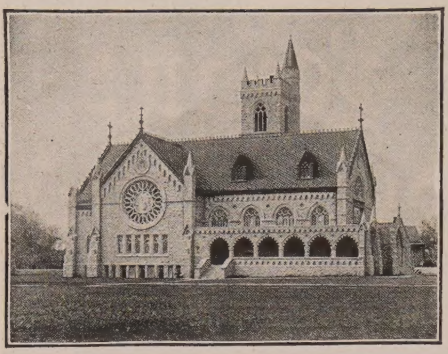

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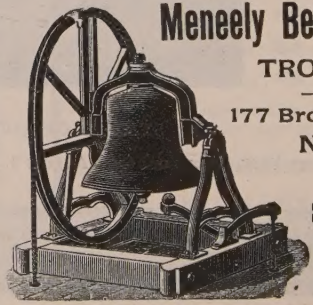

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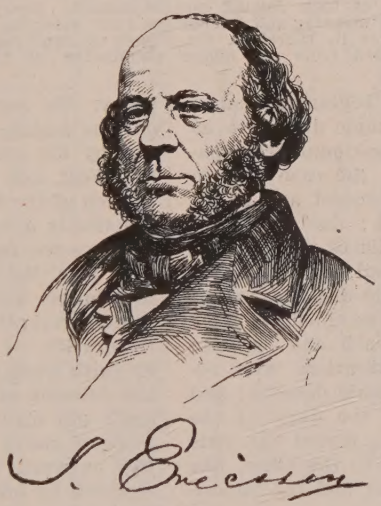
Swedish Genius Recognized

Statue of John Ericsson Unveiled

By Luther M. Kuhns

FORTY-ONE years ago a "cheese box on a raft" saved the United States Navy from utter destruction. It was even more than the savior of the navy, for it furnished the idea from which was developed the splendid modern battle-ship that did such excellent service in the Spanish-American war. The credit for the construction of the Monitor that on March 9, 1862, decisively defeated the Merrimac, belongs to John Ericsson, born in Langbanshyttan, Varmland, Sweden, July 31, 1803.

But Captain Ericsson's title to fame does not rest alone upon the Monitor. He built the first steam fire-engine, and he devised and introduced the screw as a substitute for the paddle-wheel for the propulsion of steam vessels. He was the one to introduce forced draught on steamships from an independent engine; and he was also the first to place the engines of steam vessels wholly below deck. By these various inventions he revolutionized both mercantile and naval construction and gave to man a mastery of the ocean such as he never had before.



Born 100 years ago, July 31st

He was the son of a miner. Early in life he learned the blessings of work, and knew its value. The meager educational opportunities of his day were used to the greatest advantage. He developed skill in drawing and naturally drifted into architectural drafting and engine-planning. He entered the army, where he became a captain. In 1826 he resigned from the army and, in search of better opportunities for the development of his inventive genius, under the advice of his King, it is said, Ericsson went to England.

Ericsson was a wizard of invention. He built a locomotive in competition with Stevenson's "Rocket" in 1829. The propeller was his invention, and through the failure of his company he found himself imprisoned as a bankrupt for debt. But it is chiefly because of his construction of the Monitor that Ericsson's name is venerated in our country today.

It is not surprising that this Swedish genius, who even in England found the Americans as his backers, should be honored by a splendid monument which was unveiled in New York, August 1. This remodelled statue of John Ericsson was made to take the place of the old one in Battery Park. The new statue stands in the center of the square, and while this pedestal is the same, Mr. Hartley, the sculptor, at his own expense, had the metal recast. It differs greatly from the old one; for example, it is noticeable that in the new statue Ericsson holds a model of the "Monitor" in his left hand.

The unveiling took place in the presence of the officials of the city, representatives of

the army and navy, and thousands of Swedes.

Chairman Lundgren, in behalf of the sculptor, handed over the statue to Park Commissioner Young, who in turn presented it to Mayor Low.

As Mr. Young's speech ended Miss Rachael Hartley, daughter of the sculptor, pulled the rope unveiling the statue, the bands played the Swedish air and the "Dolphin," anchored over by Ellis Island, boomed out a national salute of 21 guns, running up the Swedish flag.

In accepting the statue Mayor Seth Low said that it was a singular coincidence that a boat named the "Seth Low," named for his grandfather, had towed the "Monitor" down to her fateful battle.

The religious services of the occasion were in charge of Rev. Maurice Stolpe, pastor of the Gustavus Adolphus Church, East Twenty-second street, New York.

Indorses the Luther League

In the *Augustana Journal* the editor, Rev. S. A. Brandelle, has this to say:

"For us as Lutherans the Luther League is doing a profitable work. Our people are beginning to realize it, too. The educational feature of this League is especially to be commended. Its General Secretary, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns of Omaha is a good man and excellently adapted for the work in which he has engaged. We be-speak for him the sympathy and active co-operation of all Lutherans, no matter to what Synod they belong. If the work of the League is taken up and pushed earnestly by us for the next ten years we shall in that time see great results from this work.

Deaconesses and Their Work.

Dr. J. F. Ohl

[This article, with the appended table on the next page, takes the space usually occupied by the monthly comments on our Lutheran Calendar. Next month's issue of the Review will therefore contain comments on items of both August and September. Every month of the year has Calendar items which will find new meaning and interest by your referring to the valuable table in this number. Be sure to preserve it, therefore, for future use, and take time to examine it closely in every detail. It is condensed from the official publication of the Kaiserswerth Union. — Lit. Sec'y.]

THE Church from the beginning had a female as well as a male diaconate as a part of its congregational organization. All the evidence in the case goes to show that it was an established and recognized office in the Church; that it spread everywhere with the extension of the Church; that the women deacons had the same services to perform as the male deacons, except that they devoted themselves chiefly to their own sex, and did not preach and baptize; that much the same qualifications were required of them as of the male deacons; and that probably already in the days of the Apostles, and certainly at a period but little later, they were set apart to the office, like the male deacons, by prayer and the imposition of hands.

The office reached its highest development during the fourth century. History informs us that toward the close of this century there were 40 deaconesses at work in the one large congregation of Chrysostom at Constantinople, among them the noble Olympias. But as the faith began to decline, as the holy love which consumed the first Christians by degrees waxed cold; as hierarchical principles and the doctrine of merit by good works more and more gained the ascendency, the diaconate in its primitive biblical and apostolical sense and intention likewise began to decay. By and by the male deacons served only as assistants to the priest at the altar; and by the ninth century in the Church of the West, and the thirteenth century in the Church of the East, the female diaconate had practically disappeared, and in place of deaconesses we find nuns.

It was the Reformation that laid the foundation and prepared the way for the modern revival of the female diaconate. The restoration of the doctrine of justification by faith alone, besides liberating souls from the delusion of work righteousness, likewise again put upon its right scriptural basis the work of mercy as the *fruit* of a living faith, the outward expression of the faith that worketh by love! Nevertheless, the Reformation itself accomplished but little in this field beyond laying down the right principles. The religious wars growing out of the Reformatory movement, especially the Thirty Years' War, the union of Church and State, the period of dead orthodoxy, and finally Rationalism, were all unfavorable to the development of the Church's benevolent activities; and not until this century did these activities assume a well-organized form upon the Gospel principles enunciated by the Reformers.

Of all the agencies to-day employed in the work of the so-called Inner Mission, none is

Number.	Name of the Mother-House.	Founded.	Sisters.	Fields of labor.	Annual income.	Hospitals require Sisters.		Homes for invalids and incurables.		Parish work.		Child-saving institutions.		Kindergartens.		Other fields.	
							Sisters.		Sisters.		Sisters.		Sisters.		Sisters.		Sisters.
1	Kaiserswerth	1836	1,071	252	$178,000	59	441	19	50	92	183	22	103	40	50	20	66
2	Berlin, Eliza. Hosp.	1837	154	43	43,000	9	95	7	11	13	26	..	..	8	10	6	10
3	Paris, Rue de R...	1841	85	31	44,000	8	30	4	6	8	11	7	12	1	3	3	12
4	Strasburg	1842	260	59	44,000	18	128	6	26	27	34	3	22	..	..	5	13
5	St. Loup	1842	180	54	24,000	32	121	6	20	5	6	..	..	..	..	11	16
6	Dresden	1844	530	231	130,000	31	90	12	41	141	198	5	11	25	25	17	33
7	Berne	1844	348	77	32,000	40	219	1	1	21	45	2	3	..	..	13	21
8	Utrecht	1844	70	13	35,000	4	47	2	7	5	5	..	..	..	..	2	2
9	Berlin (Bethany)..	1847	340	110	80,000	21	183	13	31	25	85	16	18	24	17	11	12
10	Stockholm	1849	245	106	32,000	22	51	8	12	51	55	10	12	10	11	5	5
11	Breslau	1850	440	119	38,000	33	158	7	31	44	122	7	13	20	26	8	29
12	Königsberg	1850	658	276	98,000	60	304	17	53	147	171	11	17	39	48	2	45
13	Ludwigslust	1851	283	98	30,000	33	109	3	4	42	68	1	2	12	17	7	22
14	Karlsruhe	1851	284	107	38,000	19	138	5	10	74	119	3	8	3	3	3	6
15	Riehen in Basel...	1852	339	84	28,000	35	211	4	8	23	35	..	..	6	7	16	28
16	Neuendettelsau	1854	505	173	90,000	43	134	8	17	32	100	27	58	46	49	17	46
17	Stuttgart	1854	735	172	75,000	53	356	13	22	79	179	3	8	..	..	24	52
18	Augsburg	1855	209	96	20,000	13	72	1	1	31	53	11	16	28	35	12	18
19	Halle	1857	209	93	44,000	20	95	4	13	53	79	..	..	14	15	2	8
20	Darmstadt	1858	263	116	41,000	19	93	4	11	54	86	..	..	32	47	7	13
21	Zurich	1858	238	74	29,000	26	144	8	18	35	40	..	..	1	7	4	4
22	St. Petersburg	1859	42	6	25,000	2	12	1	1	1	2	..	..	1	1	1	1
23	Speyer	1859	250	71	46,000	11	35	1	3	35	114	1	4	21	23	2	2
24	Kraschnitz	1860	272	122	54,000	22	54	6	13	54	105	6	11	23	28	11	16
25	Hannover	1860	372	152	56,000	46	194	9	17	70	108	..	..	6	6	21	38
26	Hamb. (Methesda)	1860	73	30	17,000	3	28	1	3	14	21	1	1	5	6	6	6
27	Danzig	1862	323	164	43,000	30	81	7	8	75	86	7	12	43	47	2	6
28	Copenhagen	1863	275	110	57,000	21	81	12	24	44	72	10	18	10	12	13	18
29	Cassel	1864	219	108	50,000	14	71	17	25	46	69	3	9	24	27	4	10
30	Haag	1865	50	10	21,000	3	13	1	1	6	6	..	..	..	..	1	2
31	Mitau	1865	42	19	11,000	7	21	1	1	5	7	2	2	2	2	2	4
32	Berlin, Laz. Hosp..	1865	160	32	47,000	7	54	5	6	14	31	1	1	5	8	..	..
33	Posen	1865	317	113	45,000	21	57	4	5	56	113	2	3	29	30	1	3
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35	Frankenstein	1866	244	159	21,000	8	17	16	23	46	70	5	11	79	81	5	9
36	Riga	1866	47	19	13,000	1	24	..	..	10	13	..	..	7	9	1	1
37	Reval	1867	42	14	14,000	1	23	..	..	10	7	1	2	..	..	2	3
38	Helsingfors	1867	50	15	21,000	6	28	1	7	1	13	..	..	..	..	1	1
39	Altona	1867	114	55	27,000	9	38	3	5	20	35	5	5	9	4	9	15
40	Sarata	1867	30	12	5,000	1	3	6	9	..	..	5	7	..	..	..	..
41	Bremen	1868	70	18	14,000	5	45	2	11	10	14	..	..	1	2	..	..
42	Christiania	1868	414	141	38,000	39	168	14	28	64	86	4	8	3	4	17	22
43	Stettin-Neu., Salem	1868	37	15	8,000	2	5	..	..	6	6	2	24	3	4	2	2
44	Wiborg	1869	10	7	7,000	1	4	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	..	..
45	Bielefeld	1869	900	319	123,000	92	509	10	16	92	139	10	27	102	142	13	21
46	Stettin-Neu., Beth.	1869	297	151	43,000	22	66	4	6	76	99	8	14	32	33	9	23
47	Braunschweig	1870	106	44	33,000	7	62	2	4	22	26	..	..	5	5	8	11
48	Frankford-on-Main.	1870	138	59	21,000	12	39	4	9	29	55	..	..	13	15	1	8
49	Flensburg	1874	181	75	45,000	16	76	3	7	34	60	6	12	14	17	2	9
50	Paris, Rue Bridaine.	1874	15	6	6 000	1	4	1	1	3	4	1	1	..	..	..	..
51	Haarlem	1874	56	16	18,000	1	40	2	2	12	13	..	..	..	..	1	1
52	Nowawes	1874	192	126	36,000	9	45	9	11	49	97	5	5	39	10	15	35
53	Berlin (P. Gerhard)	1876	283	117	32,000	3	45	3	6	65	148	15	15	26	31	5	10
54	Hamb., Bethlehem.	1877	99	27	10,000	2	9	1	10	11	29	1	3	3	3	8	24
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57	Mannheim	1884	67	21	18,000	2	10	..	..	17	27	..	..	..	..	2	4
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60	Berlin (Magdalen)	1888	56	8	10,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	52
61	Kreuzburg	1888	51	31	15,000	4	10	1	4	8	10	1	2	14	14	3	4
62	Groningen	1888	10	1	8,000	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
63	Amsterdam I.	1888	45	8	14,000	1	32	..	..	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
64	Philadelphia	1888	75	15	50,000	4	51	2	2	4	4	1	5	4	5	..	..
65	Kreuznach	1889	161	65	55,000	10	30	1	2	26	30	4	7	17	21	7	29
66	Witten	1890	197	64	60,000	13	122	2	2	32	39	1	1	16	17	..	..
67	Oldenburg	1890	47	18	9.000	4	17	2	14	9	12	..	..	1	1	2	5
68	Leipzig	1890	99	43	139,000	8	33	1	2	31	39	..	..	2	2	3	3
69	Eisenach	1891	83	31	5,000	8	18	1	1	18	32	1	1	1	1	2	2
70	Frankford-on-Oder.	1891	64	27	24,000	3	18	..	..	16	22	1	1	7	7	..	..
71	Amsterdam II.	1891	45	19	10,000	3	18	..	..	16	20	..	..	..	..	..	..
72	Berlin, Child'n's Hos.	1891	42	8	11,000	2	31	..	..	5	11	..	..	..	..	1	1
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74	Miechowitz	1890	25	11	22,000	2	4	1	3	4	7	2	4	1	1	1	1
75	Baltimore	1895	25	8	10,000	..	..	..	..	6	11	1	1	1	3	..	..

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perhaps so indispensable, and certainly none more abundant in labors and results than the revived Female Diaconate. Re-established in a most humble way, by the Rev. Theodore Fliedner, at Kaiserswerth, Germany, in 1836, the small seed there planted has grown to a tree whose branches stretch out over almost the whole earth. Counting only those institutions that are planned after and conducted in the spirit of the German originals, there are to-day, according to the latest statistics, 75 Deaconess Motherhouses in the world, with 14,000 Sisters, engaged in 5200 fields of labor. Motherhouses are found in Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, France, England, Hungary, Switzerland, Finland, Russia, the United States, and since last year one in Australia; while the Sisters trained in these houses carry on their work of love and mercy in almost every part of the world.

The Lutheran Rally at Denver, Colorado

THE most notable gathering of the summer was the International Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E., at Denver, Col., July 9 to 13. From every quarter of the Union delegates and visitors crowded the gateway of the Mountain City. Expectation placed the number at 25,000, but great expectations are not always realized, nevertheless the gathering was indeed multitudinous.

Our interest in this convention was specially centered in the Lutheran Rally on Friday afternoon, July 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. E. W. Simon, pastor, Rev. Millard F. Trowell, D.D., St. Joseph, Mo., president of the Lutheran Rally, presided. After devotional services the pastor of St. Paul's Church, Rev. E. W. Simon, in a few well chosen words, welcomed the 250 Lutherans who assembled for the fellowship meeting. Rev. P. A. Heilman of Baltimore, Md., who was the founder of St. Paul's Church, Denver, and prominently identified with the Y. P. S. C. E. movement as the editor of the comments in the *Lutheran Observer*, made a fitting response. "The Story of One Society" was the subject of a most excellent paper by Miss Elizabeth Mester, Springfield, Ill. Following this paper time was allowed for Minute Stories from Local Societies. All over the church delegates were on their feet telling of the local work in the home parish. All were doing something, and it was interesting to note the earnestness of these young people in their work for the Master. Rev. J. Kent Rizer, Canon City, Col., was introduced and spoke to the subject, "The Value of the Quiet Hour." The paper was well prepared and kindly received. At this juncture Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, was introduced by President Troxell to present the fraternal greetings of the Luther League of America. Mr. Kuhns quickly and succinctly outlined the work of the Luther League of America, described its relation to the congregations and the Church at large, and suggested the propriety of this Lutheran body of young people sending some one like its president to the national convention of the Luther League of America at Buffalo in 1904. Then taking President Troxell by the hand he greeted him in the name of the Luther League of America, saying that ours was one faith, one Lord, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. President Traxell briefly replied to this fraternal greeting.

The subject, "What Has Been, What Can Be," was discussed by Rev. L. P. Ludden, Western Field Secretary of the General Synod Board of Home Missions. At the conclusion of this address the election of officers followed, resulting in the Nominating Committee presenting the name of Rev. P. A. Heilman, D.D., Baltimore, Md., as president. Rev. Chas. W. Leitzell, Johnston, N. Y., continues as secretary.

The social hour following was most enjoyable.

Again on Sunday evening, July 12, the Lutheran hosts gathered in St. Paul's Church for a Christian Endeavor Mass meeting. Religious services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. E. W. Simon. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. E. Coleman, Springfield, Ill., and Henry Streibert, Albany, N. Y. After singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" Revs. Seibert and H. E. Wieand were introduced for short addresses. Then the Rally Hymn, "Colorado for Christ," was sung by the congregation. The words and music of this hymn were composed by P. B. Bilhorn. The chorus runs:

"Colorado, shout the watchword!
Colorado's glad refrain:
Colorado, onward, upward!
Hallelujah! Christ shall reign."

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, secretary of the Luther League of America, was next introduced, and spoke eloquently on the Devo-

tional Spirit of the Lutheran Young People. Mrs. Ada Eppich Smith sang beautifully the offertory solo, "Fear Not, O Israel," by Dudley Buck. The entire congregation joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." After the Organ Postlude, the Mispah benediction was repeated, and the Lutheran meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. convention was ended. R. N. S.

A Busy General Secretary

NYSTED is a Danish Lutheran settlement in one of the most fertile districts of Nebraska. After riding 200 miles over the Union Pacific we were met at Dannebrog by Prof. A. C. Peterson. Here we were cordially welcomed by President and Mrs. Dorf. The Luther League meeting in the Danish Lutheran Church was full of interest. The school and the congregation belong to the old Danish Synod. The appointments of the church were ecclesiastical, and the opening services, conducted by Professor Peterson, most worshipful. In a few words Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, was introduced and presented the work of this great movement among our Lutheran young people. At the conclusion of his address, President Dorf spoke quite earnestly upon the subject. He was favorably impressed with the Luther League work. A club of 15 subscribers to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW was immediately formed.

From the rolling prairies of Nebraska to the mountains of Colorado is quite a change. The ride along the Union Pacific through Nebraska takes one through miles and miles of rich farms, stretching far as the eye can reach toward the horizon. Watson's ranch of 11,000 acres, in the highest state of cultivation, is well worth a visit. Lutheran churches are dotted all along this great artery of commerce.

Colorado Springs on June 24 and 25 witnessed a memorable gathering of Lutheran young people. They came in response to a call issued for the organization of the Luther League of Colorado. The first session of this convention was held in the Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A., and was presided over by Rev. Geo. E. Youngdahl of Colorado Springs. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., pastor of the Augustana Lutheran Church of Denver. At the conclusion of the devotional service President Youngdahl welcomed the delegates to the convention. He said, in part, that the past history of the Luther League proved its right to exist. The League is welcomed into our congregations as the safest and most helpful friend of our young people and a good aid within the local churches. He congratulated the Luther Leaguers of Colorado on this forward movement and welcomed them to the beautiful city of Colorado Springs. President Youngdahl then introduced the General Secretary of the Luther League of America, who spoke on using our opportunity. The music was furnished by members of the Augustana Church, Denver, and was in charge of Prof. E. R. Kihlmark. It was most excellent.

Friday morning the business session of the convention was held in the Swedish Lutheran Church. During the sessions of the convention about 200 delegates were present, representing 10 Luther Leagues. The convention was opened by Pastor Youngdahl with Scripture and prayer. The constitution, which had been mailed to each pastor in the State, with a few unimportant changes was adopted. The officers elected were as follows: Pres., Rev. Geo. E. Youngdahl, Colorado Springs; first vice-pres., E. D. Jelle, Denver; second vice-pres., E. P. Jones, Colorado Springs; rec. sec., Miss Clara Aurelius, Idaho Springs; cor. sec., A. W. Peterson, Denver; stat. sec., E. P. Jones, Colorado Springs; treas., Prof. E. R. Kihlmark, Denver.

Rev. Dr. Brandelle offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the officers of the convention forward a copy of the State constitution just adopted to the National Executive Committee, and make application for membership in the National League. The various committees were appointed, and after transacting some routine business the convention adjourned to Stratton's Park. Here the Local League had provided luncheon. The afternoon was spent in the beautiful and picturesque Cheyenne Cañon. The ladies of the Swedish Lutheran Church served dinner at 6 o'clock in the church. At this time Dr. Brandelle, on behalf of the convention, presented a memento of his birthday to Rev. Geo. E. Youngdahl. The night session of the convention was again held in the Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Rev. Dr. G. A. Brandelle delivered an able and earnest address on the spirit of cooperation in our Luther League work. We

regret exceedingly that we are unable to furnish the readers of the REVIEW with even an outline of this most excellent address. In the absence of Dr. C. A. Swensson, president of Bethany College, Lindeborg, Kan., the General Secretary, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, spoke in his place on the subject, "The Augsburg Confession." After a few appropriate remarks by President Youngdahl, the convention rose and all joined in singing "Blest be the Tie That Binds." After repeating the Lord's Prayer, the benediction was pronounced and the convention adjourned.

At Colorado Springs we had the opportunity of preaching for Rev. Dr. J. W. Finkbiner. A goodly number of interested Lutherans listened in the evening to the General Secretary's remarks on the work of the National Luther League. The Luther League of this congregation is quite active. The outlook for this mission of the General Synod is full of hope. We were pleased with our reception by the Luther League and congregation. We trust the future may have large things in store for pastor and people.

Pueblo has been rightly named the Pittsburgh of the West. Rev. G. R. Peterson is the pastor of our Church at this point. Pueblo is a difficult place in which to do Church work. Notwithstanding the many obstacles, success has crowned the efforts of our excellent people. A fine stone church has been completed and will soon be dedicated. The meeting of the Luther League here was well attended. Considerable interest was evinced, and the outlook for the future is encouraging. Rev. John Utesch, who is canvassing this city under direction of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, was present and participated in the meeting. One of the unique features of Pueblo is the Mexican village. The houses are all of the same style of architecture and are dobies.

Boulder, Col., is in the midst of the garden spot of the great Silver State. Here is located the State University. Sunday morning we preached for Rev. D. Burt Smith. In the evening we addressed the Luther League of the same church. Afterward we went to the Swedish Lutheran Church, where we were given a most hearty reception by Pastor Allene, and had given the opportunity of presenting the Luther League work to his people. Great interest was evinced, and the remarks of the General Secretary were given a most cordial reception.

In some respects Idaho Springs is the typical summer resort. Over 7000 feet high, with spring water that is a veritable health tonic, it is almost all that could be desired. Pastor Aurelius and his family welcomed us to their hospitable home. This is one of the most difficult mission fields of the Augustana Synod, but Pastor Aurelius seems to be the right man for the place. The first evening of our stay we addressed a large and interesting audience on the subject of our Lutheran Church work. The evening following a Luther League of 24 active and eight associate members was organized. We sincerely hope that this auspicious beginning may fully meet the expectation of the active workers, and that the League may prove most helpful in the local parish work.

The best audience of young people that greeted us in Colorado was that assembled in the Augustana Lutheran Church, Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., pastor. This is a handsome church and will seat over a thousand people. The main floor of the Auditorium was filled with interested hearers, notwithstanding the intense heat of a July summer night. For twenty minutes the General Secretary spoke of the work of the Luther League and the doctrinal basis of our Church as furnishing a desirable initial point for practical co-operation among all our Lutheran young people. During the international convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. in Denver, the General Secretary was privileged to present the greetings of the National Luther League of America to the Lutheran rally in St. Paul's Church on Friday afternoon. Again on Sunday evening of July 12, after speaking to the splendid audience assembled in Dr. Brandelle's church, he spoke in St. Paul's Church. Rev. E. W. Simon pastor, at the Lutheran C. E. Luther mass meeting.

God has given us a rare opportunity. It remains with us to avail ourselves of what it offers. The field is rich with promise. Can we as harvesters gather the grain? The Holy Spirit who takes the things of Christ and applies them unto men, help us to realize that it is not by our might nor the power of men that we are to achieve victory. May the great Lutheran Church, that seems to have come to the kingdom in America for such a time as this, not lose sight of the advantage that God has placed within our grasp. May the Spirit guide us wisely to avail ourselves of the opportunities already within our grasp that the future of our Zion may be even more glorious than the past.

LUTHER M. KUHNS.

Were you building a monument to remain for the ages, how majestic and substantial would be its construction! How much more august and solemn is life!—R. S. STORRS.

Luther League Topics

12th week after Trinity. August 30, 1903.

The Relation of the Luther League to the Church

A composite paper prepared by combining the papers of the unsuccessful prize competitors.—EDITOR L. L. TOPICS.

The Luther League Is the Child of the Church.—Years ago the young people had no place in the organized activities of the Church. To-day the tendency is to run to the other extreme. In our own Church the Luther League arose in response to a need for the development and training of the confirmed youth, who too often drifted away from the church home. The movement took national form at Pittsburg, October 30, 1895, since which time the local Leagues have gathered the timid boys and girls, taught them to love their Church, God's House and His ordinances.

The Luther League Is the Training School of the Church.—The children are taught the first principles of religious truth in the home and Sunday school; then, after catechization by the pastor and confirmation, there comes a time when the League may most profitably supplement the early training. This is done through the Topics and Reading Course by means of which the young Leaguer is taught the doctrines, history, missions and inner life of our beloved Lutheran Church. Our Church is known as an educational church, and the Luther League should be ambitious to be one of the chief educational forces within her borders. Through our Topics it gives to persons studying them a stimulus for deeper thought and understanding on subjects not always directly taught in the catechism class or the Sunday school. In our Reading Courses, under the guiding hand of the Church's leading writers, the Leaguer is introduced into a veritable treasury of truth. A generation of confirmed youth trained in this way, patiently, persistently, kindly, will be a generation of working Christians.

The Luther League Is the Pastor's Assistant.—It not only takes an important part in the training of the youth of the Church, but creates a proper activity early in life. It interests young people in the Church services, carries cheer into the homes of the poor, stirs up the indifferent and careless, beautifies the House of God with flowers, arranges and cares for the other churchly decorations, relieves the pastor of many of the fast increasing minor details of church work. The possibilities of the Luther League in this one line of pastoral assistance are only beginning to show themselves. The Luther League has not assumed a position of independence of the congregation and the pastor. It is "Of the Church, By the Church, for the Church." How happy the pastor whose Luther League catches the true spirit of helpfulness and lightens his heavy load of responsibility.

The Luther League and the Social Development of the Church.—The need for social development in our Church is very evident. Because some people have run to extremes in this matter of the social side of human nature is no reason why we should neglect it. Sociability tends to make others happy. The League has the golden opportunity of exerting a splendid Christian influence through proper social features. Only we dare not drag this opportunity down to the money making level and fall before that temptation which saps the spiritual life of so many Christian congregations. Through real sociability, an honest kindliness, many souls are won for the Church and her Master.

The Luther League and Works of Charity.—The work of "Inner Missions" as carried on in the Lutheran countries of Europe is only beginning to be appreciated in America. Christian work of every phase for the less fortunate is a possibility of vast moment. Cannot our Leagues see that here is a chance to do large things for the Church? The poor, the neglected, the down trodden, the "submerged tenth," the aged, orphan, blind, deaf and dumb—for all classes of the unfortunate, there are opportunities almost unlimited. The Luther League, the Church organized for work, should enter in and possess the land.

The Luther League is an unselfish organization. All its hopes, aims, aspirations are for the Church. And why not? For what faith can be more true to the New Testament teaching of Justification by Faith Alone? And what church can point to such leaders as Luther, Melancthon, Francke, Fliedner, Mühlenberg, and the scores of missionaries whose remains now sanctify heathen lands? And what, next to the Bible itself, can inspire our young people to noble actions as the studying of the lives of men who have fought the world, the flesh and the devil and have risen above trials and temptations through the aid of the Cross? May God crown the efforts of all our young people with true success, may we all be loyal to the Church, faithful to the principles of the Luther League and do what our hands find to with all our might as unto the Lord.

The Luther League Topics, complete lessons (of which the above are outlines and reviews), in 32-page pamphlet, covering three months, can be supplied at rates given on page 29 by LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, Box 876, New York, N. Y.

13th week after Trinity. Sept. 6, 1903.

The Triune God

II Cor. 13:14; I Cor. 12:3-6.

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is the doctrine of the Trinity? Why does the Church hold this doctrine? What is the Scriptural proof? What is the importance and what the practical value of the doctrine?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We should each one be clear in his own mind, as to the certainty of the Scriptural teaching concerning the Trinity. A Concordance, such as is found in an Oxford or Bagster Teacher's Bible, will enable one to "search the Scriptures" on this point and ascertain the ground of the doctrine which the Catholic Church—that is, the true universal church—has always held, confessed and taught. Such a study will show a large number of passages in which the Oneness of God is most distinctly asserted, such as—*e.g.*, Deut. vi, 4; I Cor. viii, 4. Then there are a great many more passages in which the Father is called God, the Son is called God, and the Holy Ghost is called God; and as these are followed out the true divinity and personality of the Son and of the Holy Ghost are abundantly proven. See, for instance, John v, 21, 23, 25, 26, and John i, 1, 14, as to the Son; and Acts v, 3, 4, and I Cor. iii, 16, as to the Holy Ghost. In the third place a number of passages will be found (of which the topical study for the day mentions some), in which the three names of God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost are found together, showing that these are not manifestations of God at different times, the same Person being at one time known as Father, at a different time as Son, and again as Holy Spirit.

These different classes of passages can lead to but one conclusion, "The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Ghost is God." So much is clearly taught. "Yet, then, are not three Gods but one God?" This is taught with equal emphasis. God then is One in Essence, yet in the One Godhead there is a distinction of three persons. Here, in the simplest, most literal way, following the Word alone, with absolute loyalty, the Church finds the source and the statement of the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity.

All the various sects and schools and "isms" which deny or ignore the Triune God thereby contradict the Word of God, refuse to acknowledge Christ as God, regard the Holy Spirit as a mere influence, and utterly reject the way of salvation through Atonement, Regeneration and Justification by Faith. All these truths are rooted in the Trinity and cannot stand if the revelation of God as three Persons in one Being is rejected.

14th week after Trinity. Sept. 13, 1903.

The Mission Work of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church

Acts 26:16-18.

Missionary Topic reviewed by Rev. C. O. Solberg, president Illinois State League.

The congregations affiliated in this communion are located approximately as follows: In Maine, 1; in New Hampshire, 1; in New York, 3; in Alabama, 1; in Georgia, 1; in Tennessee, 2; in Illinois, 37; in Wisconsin, 188; in Minnesota, 250; in North Dakota, 138; in South Dakota, 118; in Iowa, 108; in Kansas, 6; in Nebraska, 4; in Montana, 4; in Oregon, 4; in Washington, 10; in Idaho, 3; in California, 1; several in Canada. The fourteenth annual meeting of the Synod occurred in Duluth, June 17-25. Following are some data of interest.

I. *Home Missions.*—This cause is organized under a Mission Board, whose active agent is the Superintendent of Home Missions, Rev. H. C. Holm of Eagle City, Iowa. The board was authorized to employ an emissary for the agitation of missions and the increase of funds. Last year it held four large meetings at various points to agitate the cause. Local and district meetings of the same nature are a regular occurrence. The recent meeting of Synod appropriated the sum of $25,000, as against $18,000 the previous year. The Synod has been busy providing for its seminary and schools, and hereafter energies can be devoted more wholly to the Mission Field. During 1902-3 the sum of $140,000 was approximately raised for all purposes.

The annual report of the superintendent revealed a growing and widening Mission Field. Near Alberta, Canada, are 21 Norwegian colonies, with so far only three missionaries from this church body. Many other such localities are due to the rush of immigration and movements of population, especially in the woods of Wisconsin, the iron regions, and on the Pacific Coast. Fifteen candidates were ordained and eight ministers came in from other Norwegian bodies, but the call for men was such as to precipitate a vigorous discussion as to the shortening of courses, and the rapid advancement of men to the ministry. Seventy-five ministers are wholly or in part in the home mission work. Thirty-five congregations were added to the roll this year.

II. *The English Question.*—The English Conference of the United Norwegian Church also met at Duluth and organized for the

coming year by the election of the following officers: Pres., Rev. H. E. Rasmusson; vice-pres., Prof. R. R. Bogstad; sec., Rev. J. A. Aasgard; treas., Rev. H. M. Solem. This conference is informal, consisting of any or all who are interested in the agitation of matters pertaining to the transition. It is strengthened by an English professorship in the Seminary, Dr. E. G. Lund, the incumbent, and a second professorship has been authorized. There are two purely English charges in the Synod, in Chicago and Milwaukee, respectively. Two new congregations, English, practically speaking, have recently been organized in Yankton, S. D., and in New Castle, Neb. Here pastors seizing the opportunity to reach a varied population, have successfully transferred into the English.

III. *The Foreign Work.*—One of the most gratifying features of this Duluth meeting was the action taken in regard to Foreign Missions. The field allotted in Madagascar has proven in a degree unfortunate. An indebtedness of about $8000 has been unexpectedly incurred, two missionaries have resigned on account of ill health, and others are away for the same reason, sadly crippling the work at present. In the face of such conditions the Synod voted unanimously to assume a new field in China. The mission assumed is in Hankow, Sinyang, Reming, and localities. The property is valued at about $12,000, the workers are four missionaries and their wives, three women missionaries, of natives, four evangelists, four colporteurs, five teachers, and some Bible women. Its organ, "The China Missionary," has a circulation of 5300 copies. Originating as a private enterprise, this mission has been quite successful. A recent publication declared that the railway corporations of the Northwest, with which the name of "Jim" Hill is connected, will be able to place traffic rates below even the possibilities of the Panama Canal. The largest possible ocean steamers are being built for the Oriental traffic. The open door, the growing commercial interests, the numerous Lutherans of Norse and other descent in the Northwest are suggestive of exceptional promise.

IV. Another matter of great interest was reported in a recent number of the "Lutheraneren." During the essions at Duluth a meeting was held of the ministers' wives and daughters present, besides other women who had the cause at heart. After discussing the question what more might be done by the women to help missions, both home and foreign steps were taken looking to the formation of a women's missionary society. It was decided that all members were to contribute five cents per week. The following committee was appointed to see that the movement should be pushed, and the membership increased: Mrs. J. C. Roseland, Austin, Minn.; Mrs. J. Tharaldson, Madison, Minn.; Mrs. T. H. Dahl, Minneapolis, Minn. The wives of pastors and women interested in the work were urged to press the matter everywhere.

V. *The Homme Institutions.*—Some one made the remark at this last meeting of the United Norwegian Church that the Synod was being made the dumping ground for eleemosynary institutions. The Mission in China has been mentioned. During the year the Norwegian Deaconess Home and Hospital of Chicago has become the property of the Synod. A home valued at $8000, located at Elbow Lake, Minnesota, was presented by Mr. Harald Thorson, for an Old Folks' Home.

On the 22nd of June, during the sessions, occurred the death of Rev. E. J. Homme. As a private enterprise Rev. Homme had maintained for many years an Old Folks' Home and an Orphan Asylum, at Wittenberg, Wis., as well as a printing establishment. A man of large and vigorous mold, he gave all to the helplessness, whether of age or of childhood. His last will and testament transfers these properties, valued at $40,000, to the United Norwegian Church, with the condition that they be maintained under the name Homme. Of this work a recent editorial says: "Pastor Homme was, so to speak, the soul of the whole enterprise. He was pastor, manager, housefather, farmer, business man, publisher, architect, etc. Through the setting up of various industries he attained an income rendering possible a far wider scope of charity than was warranted by the income of gifts. Norwegian and English Sunday school papers and other publications were issued by his printing establishment. During the last years also the periodical, *The Christian Youth.*"

15th week after Trinity. Sept. 20, 1903.

God the Father

Eph. 4:6; Jas. 1:17; Gal. 4:6.

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: Why is God called Father? How does He show His Fatherhood toward us? What is our obligation in view of God's Fatherhood?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We should know what we owe to the Fatherhood of God. And this Luther makes very plain in his explanation of the First Article of the

Creed. Our creation, preservation, the providential supply of our needs, protection and defense—these are the gifts of our Father. To think what this means; to recount our mercies; to remember the goodness that has given us all our limbs and senses, our reason and all the faculties of our minds, that has supplied us daily and abundantly with all the necessities of life, that has protected us and guarded us—this is a very profitable and improving exercise and fits us well to learn our second lesson.

2. We should discharge our obligation in view of the Fatherhood of God. And this, again, Luther sets before us in a simplicity which adds to its force. "For all this we are in duty bound to thank, praise, serve and obey Him." If we do not these things we are either like the dumb brutes, without their excuse, receiving all good gifts without thought, as if "pure, paternal and divine goodness and mercy" were no more than mechanical, involuntary process of natural law, or we are base ingrates, willing to receive, and unwilling to give, ready to enjoy and unready to make the least return, glad to take all that a generous and loving Father gives, and deliberately refusing to Him the tribute of gratitude, praise, or service.

3. We should be grateful above all for God's Fatherhood through Jesus Christ. We do not, not the best and most grateful of us, thank, praise, serve and obey Him as He deserves or as we ought to do. And as Father of our undying spirits, gracious, forgiving, delivering we could not know Him, from Nature, nor from His natural gifts and goodness. When we come to understand that He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and, in Him, *our* Father, we learn, first, the glory of His Fatherhood, and have the peace of the reconciled child, who can look up with confidence, and, by the in dwelling of the Holy Spirit, say, "Abba," "Father." Those who know not Christ as Saviour may prate much of the Fatherhood of God, but they never truly know God as their Father.

16th week after Trinity. Sept. 27, 1903.

The Reformation in Iceland

From "The Liturgy of the Icelandic Church." by Rev. Prof. F. J. Bergmann, Winnepeg, Manitoba.

(Isa. xli: 1-7)

Iceland had passed under the control of Norway in 1262 A. D., and with Norway had passed under Danish control in 1388. Hence it is that in Iceland the Reformation and the spiritual resurrection following it was brought about from Denmark. In that country the Reformation had triumphed in the year 1536. At that time Iceland was divided into two bishoprics, one at *Skalholt* in the southern part of the country, and the other at *Holar* in the northern part of the island.

The first echo of the great Reformation heard in Iceland probably was a sermon, preached by the officiating priest at Skalholt in the year 1530, on *Kindlemas-Day*, in which he denounced the practice of addressing prayers to saints or holy men as a damnable heresy. The bishop, whose name was *Ogmundur Palsson*, an old man already by this time, was seriously offended, and more so because the priest happened to be a very intimate friend of his. He remonstrated, but in vain, as the priest was unwilling to recant; he was consequently removed to a neighboring parish.

But at Skalholt there were a number of young men, whose hearts, touched by the fires of the Reformation, were quietly studying and preparing themselves for the inevitable conflict, without committing themselves too early. The most prominent among these were *Gizur Einarsson* and *Oddur Gottskalksson*. The former had been brought up from youth by the bishop and sent to Germany to complete his education. There he came into contact with the doctrines of Luther and embraced them in his heart. Oddum Gottskalksson was the son of the bishop at Holar. He was brought up in Norway, educated in Germany and there converted to the Lutheran faith. Both these men, from prudential reasons, concealed their convictions for some time and kept the worthy bishop in utter ignorance of their Lutheran proclivities. Oddur Gottskalksson, however, commenced at this time his work on the translation of the New Testament into Icelandic, but made a close secrecy of it.

In 1536 Christian III ascended the throne of Denmark. His ascension was hailed with much enthusiasm by the party favoring the Reformation, which then was at once consummated as far as Denmark and Norway were concerned. Shortly after a new law was drawn up to prescribe and regulate the then rather loose and irregular practices in the Danish Church. In this work a number of the greatest lights and most prominent dignitaries of the Church participated. This document is known as the "*Ordinance of King Christian III.*" It was sent to Martin Luther at Wittenberg for approval and subsequently corrected and revised by Bugenhagen, who was sent to Denmark for that very purpose. In the fullest sense it did not, however, become a law in the Danish Church before the year 1539, although it had been considered as the binding rule of the new Church for some time. This may best be seen from the fact that already the year

before, 1538, it had been sent to Iceland with the view that it should become a law in that country. At the same time both the bishops in Iceland received royal orders to change the error of their ways and live from that time on according to this new ecclesiastical code. But they were both in their hearts fervent adherents of the old faith and shelved these royal orders as dead and impotent measures. Bishop Ogmundur Palsson, however, blind and decrepit as he now was, desired to free himself from the arduous duties of his high office and brought about the election of Gizur Einarsson, his foster son, whom he did not in the least suspect of Lutheran heresy, to the episcopal office. The successful candidate at once sailed to Denmark to receive his ordination and get instructions from his Government at the same time. And cheerfully did he vow to champion the Lutheran cause according to his ability and to preach the Word of God in its purity to his countrymen. His lay co-laborer and friend, Oddur Gottskalksson, followed him to Copenhagen and had his masterly translation of the New Testament into Icelandic printed in Roskilde, 1540.

In the diocese of Skalholt, comprising three-fourths of Iceland, the Lutheran Reformation was thus practically introduced with the elevation of Gizur Einarsson to the episcopal office. There the Church Ordinance of Christian III was at least nominally put in force, and we have no doubt that the young bishop put forth all his endeavors that it should also be followed in practice. But he had a fierce and persistent opposition to encounter. The old bishop was furious, but could not do much. But the bishop at Holar, *Jon Arason*, put up a prolonged and most obstinate fight against the new faith during the next decade (1540-1550). He was a very influential man in his diocese, and in fact all over the island, upholding the old Roman Catholic authority and practice with a bold hand.

One of the melancholy incidents of that struggle was the death of the champion of the Lutheran cause, Bishop Gizur Einarsson, before the victory was gained. At a noted farmhouse in his diocese there was a cross of much miraculous fame—one of the landmarks of the dying faith. To this cross pilgrimages were made from afar. To put an end to these superstitious practices, the bishop traveled to the place and took the cross down with his own hand. But as soon as he returned home he was taken sick and died. The party which was yet loyal to Catholicism of course interpreted this as a miraculous interference of Providence. The antagonist of the Lutheran movement, Jon Arason, had, however, to suffer the penalty of his reckless violence two years later, when he met a violent death at the hands of his adversaries, with whom he had been keeping up an armed warfare for a long time. After his decease the Reformation became triumphant in the whole island in the year 1550.

Read "Lutherans in Iceland," Lenker's "Lutherans in All Lands," pp. 389-396. Also article, "Iceland," in Lutheran Cyclopedia.

Daily Bible Readings

Aug. 24. Monday—Numbers 27 : 15-23.
Tuesday—Deuteronomy 11 : 26-32.
Wednesday—II Samuel 18 : 19-33.
Thursday—Job 27 : 1-23.
Friday—Matthew 16 : 13-20.
Saturday—John 21 : 1-25.

Aug. 30. XII Trinity—Psalm 119 : 9-16.
Monday—Mark 9 : 38-50.
Tuesday—I John 4 : 1-21.
Wednesday—Matthew 16 : 21-28.
Thursday—John 15 : 17-27.
Friday—II Corinthians 3 : 1-18.
Saturday—Revelation 4 : 1-11.

Sept. 6. XIII Trinity—II Corinthians 13-14; I Corinthians 12 : 3-6.
Monday—Acts 22 : 1-30.
Tuesday—Isaiah 35 : 1-10.
Wednesday—Isaiah 42 : 1-25.
Thursday—Jonah 1 : 1-17.
Friday—Ephesians 6 : 10-19.
Saturday—Colossians 3 : 1-17.

Sept. 13. XIV Trinity—Acts 26 : 16-18.
Monday—I Chronicles 29 : 10-19.
Tuesday—Isaiah 9 : 1-7.
Wednesday—Isaiah 63 : 15-19.
Thursday—Isaiah 64 : 1-12.
Friday—Matthew 6 : 1-18.
Saturday—John 20 : 1-18.

Sept. 20. XV Trinity—Eph. 4 : 6, Jas. 1 : 17, Gal. 4 : 6.
Monday—Genesis 37 : 1-14.
Tuesday—Genesis 37 : 15-36.
Wednesday—Genesis 39 : 1-23.
Thursday—Genesis 40 : 1-23.
Friday—Genesis 41 :1-57.
Saturday—Genesis 42 : 1-88.

Sept. 27. XVI Trinity—Isaiah 41 : 1-7.
Monday—Luke 1 : 37, Psalm 135 : 6, Jer. 32 : 17-19.
Tuesday—I John 3 : 20, Psalm 94 : 9, 139 : 1-4.
Wednesday—Jeremiah 23 : 23-24, Psalm 139 : 7-12.
Thursday—Psalm 106 : 1-11.
Friday—Psalm 103 : 1-13.
Saturday—Isaiah 6 : 1-3, James 1 : 13.

God bless the faithful workers of our League!

Last year 60 Lutheran ministers died in the United States! Who will take their places?

The Junior Leagues of our churches have already done much, but their work is merely begun.

"A little child" has often been the means of leading a whole family to Christ.

A CIRCLET OF RARE JEWELS

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Chapter VI.—The Light that Failed Not

YOU may wonder what was Walter Johnson's errand at the Wilson home on the evening that young Frederic saw him there with Edna. In the first place, he wanted to see her relative to some special work of the Prayer Meeting Committee.

But that was not his only purpose, perhaps not the primary one. While he was a young man actuated by the highest motives, he was also intensely human. It was hard for him to give up the hope of winning the fair girl, who seemed to be so well adapted to the kind of life he could offer, and whose personal charms made her especially fascinating. He was not quite sure that she cared for Harold Frederic, although he suspected it. He feared, too, honestly feared, that a young man who would yield to despair and be so weak as to endeavor to drown his disappointment in the flowing bowl might wreck her life, unless a great change was wrought in him that would fortify his moral nature against temptation.

He determined to call on her that evening to determine his own relation to her once for all. That point settled, he would know better how to deal with Harold, for whose spiritual welfare he was greatly concerned, knowing that the young attorney was now at a crisis in his career. It must be said, in addition, that there was something about Harold that drew the seminarian to him.

In his conversation with Edna Johnson referred to Harold. The blush that suffused the girl's face told its own story all too plainly. As he proceeded to express the sanguine expectation that Harold would soon come to the Light that fails not, the student could not help noting the smile of joy that irradiated his companion's face.

"Oh, if some one could only direct him in the right way!" she murmured, with deep feeling.

There could be no doubt in Johnson's mind now that Edna had both a personal and a spiritual interest in Harold Frederic. The theologue's heart sank for a moment with something like desperation. His own future seemed to stretch like a bleak, arid waste before him. With this girl by his side, he felt that he could brave any trial, endure any sacrifice, withstand any temptation. Must he give her up? If he were to tell her how weak Harold had been, and picture that weakness as an innate flaw in his nature that would finally bring about his downfall and ruin, and drag her with him, if she were his wife, he felt sure that the girl would at once try to crush out her love for one who might prove unworthy.

But Johnson would not do despite to his conscience even for the joy that appeared to be almost in his grasp. No! he would still work for the conversion of his rival, even with more zeal than before.

At about nine o'clock he bade Edna goodnight. An unutterable sadness filled his heart as he closed the door, for he realized that the last vestige of the hope he had cherished was now gone. Tall, athletic, strong in all his nature, physical, intellectual and spiritual, he still could not stifle the groan that rose to his lips as he stepped out upon the street. As he walked along, he whispered: "Lord, if it be Thy will that I drink this cup, Thy will be done." In answer to his prayer, strength and courage, if not joy, vibrated through his heart. He remembered the word of inspiration, which says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." The disciple of Christ has an unfailing source of strength that the people of the world know not of.

He sought a somewhat secluded street, not caring to appear in the glare of the principal part of the town. He had not gone far when he saw the form of a man in the dim light coming toward him. As he came nearer, he observed that the man was almost dragging his feet along, as if he were extremely weary. Presently the two pedestrians came face to face beneath one of the arc lights, which shone only dimly. Johnson started as he saw the pale, haggard face before him.

"Harold Frederic, my brother!" he cried, stepping forward and laying both hands affectionately on the young man's shoulders.

Harold shrank back as if the touch repelled him.

"Are you in trouble, Harold?" the other asked. "If so, I'm here to help you."

"With one hand you offer me help; with

the other you stab me!" said Harold, bitterly.

"I don't know what you mean, my brother. I've never meant to do you anything but good. What has happened? You haven't given up to—to temptation again, have you?"

"No, no; but I've had to fight for my very life. I came here on purpose where there are none of the hell-holes to tempt a young man to his ruin. But, oh! what a struggle it's been! Johnson, I need more than human help. Only an all-powerful arm can save me."

"Come; let us go to your room where we can be alone, and then we will put ourselves together into the all-powerful arm."

"Johnson, I can't—I can't have you go with me. In spite of all you've done for me; in spite of the fact that you saved my life, and shielded me from disgrace—in spite of it all, I'm full of rage toward you! I can scarcely keep from striking you."

"My brother, what have I done to offend you?" Johnson asked, in sorrowful tones.

"I'm ashamed to tell you."

"It's better for us to be frank with each other. Let there be no misunderstanding between us, Harold. Whatever I may have done, I meant no offense."

The hot blood rushed to Harold's face, and turned its pallor to crimson, as he said:

"Johnson, I saw you with—*her*—with Miss Wilson—an hour or so ago!"

"Oh! is that your trouble, my brother?" replied Johnson, his cheeks flushing. "Then let me go with you to your room, and explain. You are borrowing trouble, my dear Frederic."

Seated in Harold's room, the young men resumed their conversation. It must not be thought that Walter Johnson made the great sacrifice of himself without a struggle with his own heart.

"My friend," he said, "I shall not say much about my relation to Miss Wilson; only what I feel due to you, to keep you from despair. As far as I am concerned, Harold, you need have no fear. I have no claim on the girl, and—and never shall have. You mustn't look upon me as a rival."

As he spoke, an intense pallor spread over his strong and manly face.

"Do you mean to say you don't care for her?" questioned Harold.

"I—I—didn't say that."

A look of nobility came into Harold's face, as he rose and laid his hand on his visitor's shoulder.

"See here, Johnson," he said, "if you mean that you're going to sacrifice yourself for me, I won't accept the sacrifice. I'm selfish and weak, but I'm not so inhuman, so brutal as that."

"You're mistaken again, Harold. Edna Wilson can never be my wife, whether I should wish her to be or not. Let that satisfy you. If you can win her, do so. But, oh! Harold Frederic, be worthy of her. If I believed the weakness you showed a few weeks ago was a flaw in your character that could not be remedied, I tell you frankly, my friend, I should protect that girl from you, even if it cost me my life. Now let us drop the subject. After all, the paramount question this evening relates to your personal salvation. Will you not fly to Christ? I tell you, sir, you're in danger. You have come to a critical point in your life. If you don't come to Christ now, I fear you never will; and, if I may speak plainly, I don't believe you are morally safe without Divine grace. A few more lapses into despair, and you are lost, with nothing but a drunkard's grave yawning before you. I say, Harold, you must escape now or never!"

He spoke with vehemence. His speech was not without effect. Harold saw the gulf of moral ruin opening before him.

"Pray with me, Johnson," he whispered.

They fell upon their knees, and Johnson's low, melodious tones, charged with emotion, laid hold of a throne of grace. Hot tears rained down Harold's cheeks, and sobs broke from his lips.

"Now pray for yourself, Harold," his friend urged.

"I can't pray," Harold answered, in deep distress. "I'm a sinner. God won't hear me."

"Christ came into the world to save sinners. Say the publican's prayer: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'"

With deep feeling Harold spoke the familiar words, and as he did so, a light broke into his soul. "O God, I thank Thee that Christ came to save sinners—to save me! Oh, Thou great Deliverer, how shall I praise Thee as I should! It's too good to be true!"

The young men rose and clasped hands solemnly, while Johnson said in quiet tones that were vibrant with a joy too full for utterance:

"Harold, my brother, I believe you are saved. I will now leave you alone with God. Have faith in Him. Good-night."

The next evening Walter Johnson perpetrated a surprise on Harold. At about eight o'clock there was a gentle knock at the latter's door, and when he opened it, there stood Johnson, Calvin Briscom, Jerry Randall and eight or ten other young men of the Luther

League. They came in quietly, and took possession of the room. A half hour was passed in pleasant conversation. Then a caterer brought up the oysters and crackers and coffee, and the company sat down to an appetizing stew. How glad all the young men seemed to be! Of course, they had fun, but it was fun of the right kind. When the dishes were pushed aside, Calvin Briscom rose to make a speech. The company became quiet at once. Evidently this speech was a preconcerted affair.

"Mr. Frederic, we have come here this evening to give some slight token of the esteem in which we hold you," Briscom began. Then he went on with an eloquent address that held his little audience spellbound. "However," he said, at length, "we wish to leave with you a more lasting reminder of our visit than mere empty words which so soon fade from the memory—something that will express the deep and sincere conviction in each of our hearts; something, too, I cannot help thinking, that will prove a memorial of a great epoch in your own life and experience."

The speaker reached over to a stand near by and drew an oblong object from beneath a stack of overcoats that had concealed it.

"I have the honor, my dear brother," he continued, "of presenting you this picture. It is a copy of Holman Hunt's great painting, entitled 'The Light of the World.' If I mistake not, that radiant light has came into your life. For that reason we believe our gift will be timely and appropriate. Accept it as a mark of our esteem. Our earnest hope is that you may always walk in the Light that the picture so vividly sets forth."

It was difficult to reply to the speech. At first Harold hesitated a good deal. In honest, heartfelt words he expressed his gratitude and appreciation. In closing, he said:

"My dear friends, shall I tell you what it has been that finally overcame my skepticism? Of course, primarily it was the grace of God; but God uses human instruments. The interest you Leaguers have shown in me, your cordial spirit, the consistency of your lives, the sacrifice one of your number made in befriending me in a time of sore need—it was these things that won me. You are correct, Mr. Briscom, when you say that this gift is most appropriate. I wish to say to you, my friends, one and all, that 'the Light of the World' has at last streamed into my poor life. The most blessed hours I have ever known have been those that have passed since last night when, in this very room, I knelt with one of your own number and surrendered myself to Christ. I shall never be able to thank you."

He might have said more, but his voice broke, and he sat down amid a solemn hush.

More than one eye was dimmed with tears the next Sunday morning when the gifted young lawyer stood at the altar of St. John's Lutheran Church, and took upon himself the sacred vows of confirmation.

Walter Johnson had one more task to perform, one more sacrifice to make. He noted, as the weeks went by, that Harold was shy of Edna Wilson. The young lawyer did not seek her society, feeling unworthy of her, and fearing that, as she had once refused him, she cared for another. One evening he received a call from Johnson. The visitor's face was paler than usual. Presently he spoke:

"Harold, why don't you press your suit with Edna Wilson?"

"She rejected me once. I fear she doesn't care for me."

The seminarian swallowed the lump in his throat. It was hard to give to another the prize he longed to grasp in his own hand.

"I have reason to believe, my friend," he said, in calm, even tones, "that she does care for you. In fact, I'm sure of it. She didn't decline your suit unconditionally. You were an unbeliever, and she felt that you and she, under such circumstances, could not be happy together; but now, since your conversion, that obstacle has been removed."

"Johnson, how do you know that?"

"I have read it in her conduct, her words, her looks. I'm sure I've read correctly. Go to her; she is unhappy without you. Being a woman, of course, she can make no advances. God bless you and her! May you be happy!"

Four, five, six years sped. Harold Frederic found his legal business taking him to a large city of our Middle States. While there he attended a Sunday morning service at one of the most important and influential churches of the city. As he sat listening to the fervent words and clarion voice of the preacher, he mused again and again:

"I knew Walter Johnson would be a success as a minister."

"Come and break bread with me, Frederic," said Johnson, when they met after the service. "I've no home to take you to. So we will go to my café."

They occupied a table by themselves, so that they might indulge in reminiscence without interruption.

"My wife sends you her regards and best wishes, Johnson," the lawyer said, presently. "I told her I was coming to see you. Of course, you remember that she was Edna Wilson before I made her change her name."

"Yes, I remember."

"And you've never taken a wife, Johnson?"

The minister gave his friend a quick, searching look, and replied: "I'm married to my vocation."

THE END.

The Juniors in August

[Correspondents Should Write to Rev. C. E. Haupt, D.D., Lancaster City, Pa.]

Our Topics for August, 1903.

August 2.—"This Do, and Thou Shalt Live."

9.—How Juniors Can Help.

16.—The Apostles' Creed.

23.—Norway's Reformation.

30.—The Relation of the Luther League to the Church.

These topics are obtainable at the office of the Review, P. O. Box 876, New York City, N. Y.

Topics are most instructive and helpful in conducting meetings for the Juniors.

Memory Verse (to be committed):

"Holy Spirit, all Divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol throne,
Reign supreme and reign alone!"

Blackboard Motto:

SAVIOUR!
TEACH ME
DAY BY DAY.

Events in August of Interest to Young Lutheran Americans.

August 3, 1492. Columbus left Palos, Spain, to seek India.

5, 1858. The first telegram crossed the Atlantic by cable.

11, 1807. Fulton's steamboat made its first trip.

15, 1748. The first Lutheran snynod was organized in America at Philadelphia, Pa.

24, 1898. The Czar of Russia, upon the anniversary of the religious massacre at Paris (of 1572), called for a Peace Conference.

IDEAS.—Would it not be well were the Juniors to attend service at times in a body? This is often feasible if the service be held at a special and suitable hour.

Perhaps the work of the Junior League would be better done were the organization of the committee in charge more systematic and the work distributed equally.

A church school might easily grow up in every congregation by simply developing the Junior League idea more perfectly. A small weekly fee of from 25 to 50 cents per scholar will do this, provided the church will supply the room.

NOTES.—Of all the noble objects of the Junior League doubtless the highest is the bringing of the young to Christ and sheltering them in the fold of the Good Shepherd, the holy Christian Church.

One who begins well as a Junior Leaguer will, if he continues, make the better teacher, church worker or parent in the school, congregation or household of after years, for his early training in this way.

We Junior League workers require tact for the work. Hence we need to study the condition of the soul, mind and heart of each child.

Anything that may help in the formation of true character and right habits is useful in the work of a Junior League.

The beautiful lithographic charts issued in connection with the Sunday school lessons in our day are so handsome that they make a fine "gallery of paintings," so to speak, if placed around the walls; or a panorama, if they are pasted successively together and fastened upon two rolls of wood, turned by two handles, and set in a frame or on a suitable easel. In our League we have two of these panoramas, the one containing the pictures from the Old and the other those from the New Testament, in regular historic succession. These are very practical and are in constant use.

The following committees may be heard from occasionally at the meetings: 1, On Good and Noble Deeds; 2, on Charity; 3, Kindness to God's Creatures; 4, On Keeping a Garden; 5, Tree Planting; 6, On Temperance; 7, Purity; 8, Bible Reading; 9, The Sick Visitors; 10, Helpers of the Poor; 11, Missionary Band; 12, Anti-Cigarette; 13, Recitations; 14, Music.

—The cornerstone of a Lutheran Church building was laid recently at Reutachintala, India, 70 miles from Guntur. Dr. Wolf presided and Revs. McCauley, Becker and Aberly assisted in the ceremony. Dr. Albrecht, who founded the station, and has continuously served as its pastor, laid the stone. The structure will be of stone and will cost $5000. It will seat 600 people if the pews are used, or 1000 people if they sit on the floor. In the district surrounding are more than 6000 Christians.

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Editorial

Let us not be afraid of being too loyal to our Lutheran Church. Sometimes Lutherans imagine that loyalty to their own Church is bigotry, and count it a great mistake on the part of the Lutheran Church to be so positive and conservative. But if we take the trouble to look carefully at the denominations around us we will find that many of them—yea, about all of them—are more loyal to their churches than Lutherans are, because they put loyalty to their Church in the very forefront. What Lutherans need is less fear that our loyalty will be counted bigotry, and a fuller realization of the fact that the more loyal we are to our own Church the more will others respect us. If others are proud to count themselves members of this or that Church, how much more should we rejoice and be rightly proud of belonging to the grand old Church of the Reformation. Young Lutherans, stand up for your colors.

As we look forward to the coming year we certainly ought to purpose to make it better than its predecessors. In all work for Christ the command still stands, "Speak to the people that they go forward." The new year ought to behold us doing better work than the year before. To do this we must plan our work and work our plan.

Let us, who have the Master's cause at heart, take time to make plans for our winter's work. It will be worth our while to put thought and careful study into the planning. We need to study ourselves the work, the conditions. Let us discover just what we wish to accomplish, and then set ourselves to find out the best way to do it.

But our plan, most excellent though it may be, will not work itself. You must work it and get others to help you. It will need careful, prayerful, untiring and conscientious devotion. The work will not take care of itself.

The hope of our cause lies in the workers and not the dreamers. If our business requires our continued and careful attention, so does the great business of Christ's Kingdom. But it always has been that very few have made a real business of their religious work. Only a few have acknowledged its claims and tried faithfully to live up to them. So do not be ready to give up because of those who are unwilling to plan any work or work any plan.

You will find the faithful few who will be ready to lend a hand. Begin with them. Only begin. Then keep on. If you win only one or two additional workers you will have accomplished much. After all it is the per-

sonal work, the winning of individuals for the cause, which counts for the most. When you inspire other hearts with love for the Master's cause you do your best work.

Some one recently used the following quotation from Luther as an appropriate and timely thought for our people:

"The prosperity of a country depends, not on the abundance of its revenues, nor on the strength of its fortifications, nor on the beauty of its public buildings, but it consists in the number of its cultivated citizens, in its men of education, enlightenment and character; here are to be found its true interest, its chief strength, its real power."

Our share in the Father's business is often an uncertain quantity, and we think we are doing more than our own part when we see others doing so little. But the Rev. Maltie D. Babcock, D.D., whose life was rich in good works as well as in good thoughts, and whose taking off was so sudden, has well said: "There is no better way to show our trust than to busy ourselves with the things He asks us to do. Trusting Him to take care of His share leaves us 'at leisure from ourselves' to do our share of the Father's business."

To occupy a high position in society or in the financial world is the only ambition of many, but Rev. Dr. H. J. Van Dyke has pointed out "a more excellent way" in the following words:

"There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. There is a nobler character than that which is merely incorruptible. It is the character which acts as an antidote and preventive of corruption. Fearlessly to speak the words which bear witness to righteousness and truth and purity; patiently to do the deeds which strengthen virtue and kindle hope in your fellow men; generously to lend a hand to those who are trying to climb upward; faithfully to give your support and your personal help to the efforts which are making to elevate and purify the social life of the world—that is what it means to have salt in your character. And that is the way to make your life interesting and savory and powerful. The men that have been happiest, and the men that are best remembered, are the men that have done good."

Publishers' Column

We have repeatedly said in this column that we did not think our members appreciated the REVIEW as much as they should; at least the circulation was not increasing as fast as it ought. That there is no reason why we ought not to expect our circulation to be doubled is most clearly emphasized in the following excellent and encouraging letter to our editor from Rev. J. H. Harpster, D. D., missionary to India:

RAJAHMUNDRY, INDIA, June 17, 1903.

DEAR BRO. EILERT: My subscription for 25 copies of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW on the occasion of that effort to increase its circulation at St. Paul was not as disinterested as Bro. Fry tried to make it appear. I believed I was doing a thing that would result in good to a work whose interests to me were of more importance than even the extension of your circulation—the work of the Rajahmundry Mission. I confess so much. What I then believed I now know. Quite a number of our mission teachers read and speak English with a considerable degree of intelligence and fluency. Many of them are bright, eager young fellows. As soon as I get my batch of REVIEWS I distribute them among those I can reach, and to those in the district I send my mail. I assure you I get a good deal more than my money's worth by seeing the avidity with which they receive and read them. My investment pleases me immensely.

I inclose two letters I received by post this morning from two of our native workers. I think they are good enough to pass along. P. V. Ratnam is one of our native pastors, and A. Anandappan is a catechist. Read them, and see if they don't make you feel good.

If one was not so overwhelmed with work and did not have his nose so constantly on the grindstone as to make it next to impossible to give any time to it, I do not see why a Luther League might not be organized among the four Lutheran Missions in the Telugu country. There must be, at the very least, five or six thousand young men and women in these four missions, who might be gathered into a joint League if there were somebody to take hold of it and do it. And the League in India would be just as strong a bond of fraternal, interdenominational co-operation and union as it is in America. If any one can show cause why that most excellent secretary, Brother Kuhns, should not be sent to India to organize the Luther League, let him speak, or after he has come hold his peace.

Yours in a common work.

J. H. HARPSTER.

TALLAPUDI, June 16, 1903.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: It is indeed beyond the scope of my limited knowledge to find sufficient words to give a fuller description of the advantage I derive from the excellent LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW you so kindly sent to my address last week.

Very many thanks for the same. It is very kind of you and thoughtful to send me one by post amidst the pressure of your heavy work. I have been reading it for the last some days and find it to be truly useful and a very efficient helper to preachers especially. I have much pleasure in stating once more that it is undoubtedly excellent and is worth its weight in gold.

May I request you to kindly send me one every month, for which I shall be very thankful.

My humble respects to self and respected madame. I beg to remain, reverend and dear sir, your most obedient servant.

A. ANANDAPPAN.

DONLAISHWARAM, June 16, 1903.

DEAR DR. HARPSTER: Having had four baptisms and one marriage to perform in the villages, I was not at home and so not able to thank you at once for sending me the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. On my return home yesterday I was very glad to have received it and that from you, my venerable father. Hoping it will be helpful to me and with best Christian regards, I remain ever very faithfully yours, P. V. RATNAM.

When Dr. Harpster subscribed for 25 copies of the REVIEW at St. Paul many asked, What will he do with them? If our League presidents would only profit by the missionary's example they would soon find the REVIEW of exceptional value in their respective organizations. We hope the above will prove effective in our endeavors for an increased patronage.

Many State and District Leagues, and some local Leagues, have been approached recently by circulars and canvassers of concerns that make an imitation Luther League badge. We wish to warn our friends against these. There is only one official badge of the Luther League, the one adopted by the Luther League of America at its Chicago Convention. This badge is controlled exclusively by the Luther League of America, and can be had at prices ranging from 25 cents to $1.50, with liberal discounts for quantities. Don't bother with imitations, but order direct from headquarters. Send for our supply circular. Address LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, P. O. Box 876, New York City, N. Y.

Prize Topic

Some time since, the REVIEW offered two prizes for the first and second best Luther League Topics written on the subject, "The Relation of the Luther League to the Church," the word Church referring more particularly to the local congregation.

A committee of three prominent Lutheran ministers were appointed as judges. One is a member of the General Council, one of the United Norwegian Church and one of the General Synod; all three are enthusiastic workers in the Luther League. The essays with attached *nom de plumes* were sent to this committee without any other marks, so that their judgment was wholly unbiased. Each judge sent his written opinion and grades directly to the editor of the REVIEW independently of the others.

Upon comparing their letters it was found that the unanimous decision was that, while all the productions were excellent, none of them reached the standard that ought to be "the high water mark" of Luther League literature. The award of the committee, however, is first prize of $10 in gold to "Verbum Manet," or Rev. Arthur E. Gringel, Xenia, Ohio. Second prize of $5 in gold is given to "Mary Ann Stanley," or Mrs. Iva A. Baltzley, Ph.D., Mansfield, Ohio. These two papers will be the Senior and Junior topics for the week beginning August 31. We congratulate Rev. Gringel and Mrs. Baltzley upon their success.

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Our Churches and Institutions

New York City

— It will interest some to know that Mrs. Anna Bors, who founded the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess' Home and Hospital in Brooklyn in 1882, which we referred to in an illustrated article last month, was at that time and during her residence in New York a member of the Church of the Holy Trinity, of which Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., was then pastor. Mrs. Bors is the wife of Mr. Christian Bors, for many years Consul-General of Sweden and Norway at New York.

— The German Trinity Church, Pastor Graesser, recently celebrated its sixtieth anniversary, sermons being preached by Pastors P. Roesener, H. Birkner and Prof. Feth. The parochial school has two teachers with an attendance of about 90 children.

— Frederick W. Holls died suddenly of heart failure, on July 23, at his home in Yonkers, N. Y. He was the son of Rev. George C. Holls, a Lutheran clergyman, widely known as a philanthropist and educator. The son was born in Zelienople, Pa., in 1857, and entered the profession of law in 1880. He was secretary of the American delegation to the Hague Peace Conference, and was afterwards named as the American representative on the Committee on Arbitration appointed by the Conference. In recognition of his legal attainments the University of Leipsic conferred on him the degree of D. C. L.

Philadelphia

— Rev. Ferdinand Hesse has received and accepted a call to Grace Lutheran Church, West Philadelphia. Until the new pastor takes charge, September 1, Rev. W. Anson Moser of Gettysburg Theological Seminary will supply the pulpit.

— St. John's Church of Ogontz, a suburb of Philadelphia, is contemplating the erection of a $20,000 church on the lot recently donated by Mr. Elkins. Rev. C. G. Spieker, son of Prof. Dr. Spieker, is the pastor.

— Rev. Charles L. Fry, pastor of St. Luke's Church and Literary Secretary of the Luther League of America, is chairman of a joint committee which arranged and successfully managed a "Young People's Afternoon" at Willow Grove, June 13. The event was interdenominational. There were addresses, music, recreation, and a luncheon. One of the subjects was "Deaconess Work," discussed by William H. Staake, Esq., president of the Mary J. Drexel Mother-House of Deaconesses.

— The Superintendent of Missions employed by the Philadelphia Conference of the East Pennsylvania Synod reports in the *Lutheran Observer* that there have been organized within the past two years seven Sunday-schools, with an enrollment of more than 1000 scholars, and four congregations, with a membership at present of 388. Church properties have been secured during this time valued at $26,000. The financial support of the work has been given by a few individuals and a number of the congregations in the conference.

Chicago

— Rev. C. G. Stacy is gathering a mission in the northwest portion of Chicago.

— Grace Church has extended a call to Rev. P. Holtgreve of Polo, Ill., to become its pastor.

Washington

— Official notice has been given of the election of Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, treasurer of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged in this city, to succeed Mr. A. F. Fox. Mr. Eckhardt may be addressed at Evening Star Building, Washington, D. C.

St. Louis

— Officers were elected Sunday evening, June 28, for the new St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, at Chouteau and Taylor avenues. Rev. Dr. M. Rhodes of St. Mark's Church, presided, and 31 persons were enrolled as members. The Church will be continued for a while as a mission of St. Mark's. A pastor is soon to be called, and regular services will be carried on. The new officers were installed and additional members received by Dr. Rhodes on Friday evening following.

Buffalo

— The English congregations of this city have formed a City Missionary Society styled under the name of Evangelical Lutheran City Missionary Society of Buffalo and Vicinity, and have elected the following officers: Pres., Rev. J. L. Sibole; vice-pres., W. L. Henrich; rec. sec., Christopher G. Grauer; fin. sec., Henry F. Pellman; treas., John W. Henrich. The Board of Trustees consists of 15 members. The society has called the Rev. Edwin Boettger to take charge of the missions in this city. There are two missions now under way, one located at South Buffalo on Seneca street, which holds services Sunday morning at 10.30 a. m. and Sunday school at 11.30 a. m. The other mission is located in Black Rock on Niagara street, which holds its Sunday school at 3 p. m. and the services at 8 p. m. Rev. Boettger took charge of this work July 1, and has reported very favorable progress. The annual festival of the St. John's Orphans' Home was held July 16, and proved a great success.

Cleveland

— The Christian Endeavor Memorial Church, Rev. H. C. Hadley pastor, has completed the payment of its interest-bearing debt of $4200, which the Church was carrying at the beginning of the present pastorate.

Pittsburgh

— Rev. J. W. Poffinberger of Vandergrift, Pa., has assumed temporary charge of the new mission at East Pittsburg. This work is one of unusual promise. It is hoped that a chapel can soon be erected.

Minneapolis

— A class of 70 young people was recently confirmed in the Augustana Swedish Church, of whom 31 had received their instructions in the English language.

Harrisburg

— Rev. R. L. Leatherman has begun an active canvass of this city and surroundings with promising prospects, and from present indications a Sunday school and congregation will be organized in the near future.

Jersey City

— The Rev. J. C. J. Peterson died July 23 at his home, 247 Third street, from Bright's

disease. He was born in Germany in 1843, and was a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war. Upon the completion of his military term he came to this country. He was ordained a minister of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1881 and was at once installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City. He retired in 1901. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

New Haven

— The First English Lutheran Church has bought the property of the First Baptist Church at the corner of Lawrence and Foster streets. The purchase embraces the church building and land on which it stands and the vacant corner lot adjoining the same.

MISCELLANEOUS

— An English Lutheran congregation has been organized in Dunkirk, N. Y. It is under the auspices of the Synod of New York and New England. The Rev. G. G. Ruff is missionary in the field.

— Extensive improvements are being made at St. Luke's Church, Allegheny, Pa., Rev. J. W. Romig pastor.

— The handsome new building of Grace Lutheran Church, Youngstown, Ohio, erected during the faithful pastorate of Rev. Jesse L. Miller, was consecrated in July. It is one of the most handsome churches in that rapidly growing city.

— Calvary Lutheran congregation of Chillicothe, Ohio, Rev. Geo. H. Schnur pastor, will let the contract for their new church in a few weeks.

— Rev. J. W. Myer, missionary secretary of the Synod of Northern Illinois, is exploring Peoria, Ill., with a view to organizing an English Lutheran church.

— Grace Church, Winchester, Va., is preparing to celebrate in the latter part of August the grant of land made to the congregation 150 years ago by George III, and on which the first house of worship was built soon afterwards.

— St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va., Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., pastor, will celebrate its 154th anniversary with services embracing one week in August.

— A Lutheran congregation was organized at San Bernardino, Cal., on June 21, with 17 charter members. Rev. F. C. Vierke has pastoral charge. At Redlands in the same pastorate the Woman's H. & F. M. Society of the General Synod has pledged $2000 toward a church.

— By the will of the late John M. Burkhart of Cumberland County, the Tressler Orphan Home, Loysville, Pa., comes into possession of his mansion farm, located about five miles north of Newville, Pa. The farm contains almost 200 acres, and is in a good state of cultivation. It is bequeathed to the Home so long as it maintains orphan children. The Home came into possession of the farm immediately upon the death of the testator, which occurred last March. It is said to be worth between $4000 and $5000.

— The Martin Luther Orphans' Home, the Joint Synod of Ohio, will erect a chapel for its students to cost about $3000. Ground will be broken when $1500 are secured.

— The Rev. M. J. Bieber, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Binghamton, N. Y., and corresponding secretary of the New York State Luther League, is secretary of a local branch of the *New York Tribune's* Fresh Air Fund Society, and in July superintended the transportation of 300 of New York's poor children to Binghamton and their distribution among the town's hospitable people for a two weeks' outing.

— Dr. Wahlstrom has resigned as president of Gustavus Adolphus College, his resignation to take effect in June, 1904. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Swedish Lutheran Church in St. Peter, Minn.

— The Missouri Synod had 79 candidates at its disposal for 113 calls for ministers which came to the committee when it met recently in St. Louis. Thirty-four calls could not be filled. Sixty-three calls were also made for teachers, with only 34 candidates to fill them.

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NEW YORK

Buffalo District

— The quarterly meeting of the Luther League of Buffalo was held at the Church of the Redeemer, July 15th. The Foreign Missionary Committee reported a balance of cash on hand of $633.97. The Luther League of Concordia Church reported that it is donating a stained glass window costing $150 for their Church, which is now under construction. Their Church will cost about $25,000. The Church of the Atonement is raising funds for a new pipe organ and the Luther League is assisting. The following delegates were elected to the State Convention: Miss Susie Grauer, Miss Eliza Pfeiffer, Rev. Dr. F. A. Kahler, Rev. J. L. Sibole and Mr. W. L. Henrich. The alternates are Rev. E. F. Bachmann, Mr. Geo. J. Flierl, Mr. C. O. Schaefer, Miss Carrie Young and Miss Wendel.

NEW JERSEY

— At a regular meeting of the Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, Rev. F. C. Krapf pastor, eight new members were received. The Christian Culture Committee has, during the year, arranged several very profitable meetings. Instead of the regular social meeting, the members enjoyed a trolley ride to Eagle Rock July 17. The fifth anniversary of the League is soon to be celebrated.

PENNSYLVANIA

— The Luther Leagues of St. Luke's, Bethlehem, and the Church of the Apostles, enjoyed a union excursion to Burlington Island Park, on the Upper Delaware, recently. Ideal weather conditions prevailed and a large number of Leaguers and their friends enjoyed the outing.

Reading Central

— This central held its quarterly convention at Shoemakersville, July 10. Fourteen of the local Leagues were represented by delegates and two new Leagues, Womelsdorf and Wernersville, were admitted. The morning session was spent mainly in the consideration of reports of committees and other routine work.

An amended constitution, providing for a change of name to Central of Berks County instead of Reading, was also considered, and the work of adoption completed in the afternoon. A paper on John Heinrich Wichern was read by Mrs. G. M. Jones; another on the Luther League and Missions by Mrs. C. A. Homan, and another on the question, "Can a Member of the Luther League Consistently Be a Club Man?" by Mr. Chas. F. Reed. All were discussed, the latter at considerable length. There should, and probably would, have been an evening session, but though two railroads run through the centre of Berks, it is impossible for any one to return to Reading from the northern part of the county after 8 p. m., and so the delegates were compelled to return before dark, if they wished to reach home the same day. In the evening Dr. Brownmiller delivered an address on "The Work of the Young People of Reading in the Churches." But as the last train left just as the services were to commence, very few of the Leaguers could have opportunity to hear it. St. James' Guild, one of the locals, is putting forth efforts to have a general picnic of the Lutherans of Berks at Blandon, August 7, which gives promise of success. All seem to anticipate the convention of the State League at Reading in October with much pleasure. Arrangements are being made for its entertainment.

York Central

—The Central Luther League of York County convened at Hellam, June 25. The attendance was larger than any convention since its organization. The discussions were earnest. The spirit of the convention was enthusiastic. The committee on the program deserved the commendation which was given it. All the papers gave evidence of careful preparation, and were freely discussed. The following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. T. B. Thomas; rec. sec., Miss Lottie Linebaugh; treas., Mr. Edward Helb; stat. sec., Rev. Albert Bell. The first general topic was "Our Devotional Nature." The "Lutheran View of It" was presented by Miss Hettie Snickle, and "The Importance of Its Development" by Rev. S. W. Herman. The afternoon session was opened by Rev. Albert Bell, who conducted a spirited song service. "Our Intellectual Nature"—the "Value of Its Culture" and "What To Do with It"—was opened by Rev. Salem. The subject brought forth a most interesting general discussion upon the excellency of our Augsburg Confession. "Our Social Nature and How to Direct It" was ably discussed by Rev. J. B. Lau in a well-written paper. The question-box was in charge of Rev. M. S. Romig. The subject in the evening, "Our Lutheran Young People," was discussed in an eloquent and able address by Rev. E. D. Weigle, D. D. All those who heard it felt that it was a most fitting climax to a day of good things. The resolution committee advised the adoption of the Luther League Reading Course by our societies, expressed regret at the departure of Rev. F. H. Crissman from our League, and especially thanked the untiring pastor and people of Hellam for their kind hospitality. The next convention will be held on June 23, 1904, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, North York.

Northeastern Central

—On Wednesday evening, July 1, the St. James' Luther League of Hobbie, Rev. J. F. Bruch pastor, celebrated its sixth anniversary. A lecture, "Halle and the Lutheran Church," was delivered by Rev. M. J. Beiber, M. A., of

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Binghamton, N. Y., and an oration, "Will We Make it?" by Mr. M. J. Swank, formerly a member of this League, now a student at Muhlenberg College. The Church was beautifully decorated with plants, flowers and the Luther League colors. The Emmanuels Luther League of Dorrance and Mt. Zion's Luther League of Slocum were in attendance and instrumental music was furnished by the Dorrance Orchestra.

Bangor Central

—The Bangor Central Luther League held its eighteenth semi-annual convention on Thursday, May 28, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Stroudsburg, Rev. B. F. Apple pastor. The first session was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, beginning with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. E. Erdman, Nazareth. Rev. B. F. Apple extended the greetings of the local Church and League. He spoke at some length and in approbation of the history, object and purpose of the League, and enjoined upon members and all young people of the Lutheran Church the importance of making the right choice of a course in life, of the need of faithful and careful preparation for life's work, and of the vital connection between steadfastness to right principles and true success in life. A response was made by President Milton Speer. Delabole. An address upon the subject, "The Relation of Young People to—1, The Lord's Day; 2, The Lord's House; 3, The Lord's Work," was delivered by Rev. J. W. H. Heintz, East Stroudsburg. Miss Emma Schupp, Gilberts, read a paper on the topic, "The Luther League a Pillar of the Church." Rev. J. W. Lazarus, Stone Church, delivered an address on "What Has the Church a Right to Expect of the Young People?" and Rev. George S. Kleckner, East Bangor, spoke on "The Common Service." At the afternoon session three subjects were discussed: "Why All Young People Should Be Connected With the League," by Rev. J. A. Klick, Pen Argyl; "The Value of the Bible to the Young," by Rev. E. A. Yehl, Bangor; and "What Young Lutherans Should Be," by Rev. J. C. Seegers, Easton. The visiting delegates were entertained at dinner and supper at St. John's Church. There are ten Leagues in the Bangor Central.

Upper Lehigh Valley Central

—The Upper Lehigh Valley Luther League ran an excursion to Willow Grove Park, near Philadelphia, July 23, in the interest of missions. Leagues of White Haven, Freeland, Hazleton, Audenried, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk and Lehighton participated.

—On Wednesday evening, July 8, the Senior Luther League of St. John's, East Mauch Chunk, celebrated the first anniversary of its

organization. The Church was tastefully decorated with the royal colors of the Luther League, and bouquets of cut flowers and palms. The Church was filled from the chancel to the doors with a pleased and happy audience. St. John's Luther League of Upper Mauch Chunk had chartered a trolley car, which was also decorated for the occasion, and it was crowded to overflowing with members of the League, who came to take part in the celebration. Addresses were made by Rev. G. G. Kunkle, Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Ph. D., Mr. Shimer of Bethlehem and Mr. Kuntz of Mauch Chunk. Rev. J. H. Raker presented the cause of the Topton Orphans' Home, Mr. J. D. Dieckmann, president of the League, read the annual report, which shows that the League of St. John's is in a healthy and growing condition, because it is an active League. A contribution of $5 was made to the Topton Orphanage.

Greensburg Central

—The Greensburg Central Luther League met in annual convention in the Penn Evangelical Lutheran Church, Penns Station, July 2. The morning session was opened by an address of welcome by the pastor of the local Church, Rev. P. Doerr; responded to by Rev. I. K. Wismer of Latrobe, Pa. "Our Inheritance" was presented in an interesting manner by Harry Cope, Esq., of Greensburg. A business session was held, at which the following officers were elected: Pres., Harry Cope, Greensburg; vice-pres., J. O. Howell, Irwin; sec. vice-pres., J. J. Zimmerman, Greensburg; rec. sec., Miss Anna Stroble, West Newton; cor. sec., Miss Lyda Swanson, Irwin; stat. sec., W. Harry Landis, Penns Station; treas., W. A. Zundel, Greensburg. The following delegates to the State L. L. Convention, which meets in Reading October 20-21, 1903, were also elected: Rev. E. L. Reed, West Newton; Rev. I. K. Wismer, Latrobe; Mr. John Yount, Greensburg; Miss Bertha Walters, Latrobe; Miss Anna M. Landis, Penns Station. The afternoon session was opened by a most interesting paper by Miss Lyda Swanson of Irwin. Mr. John Yount, a student at the Mt. Airy Seminary, gave a very profitable talk on "The League: Its Position, Purpose and Power." William E. Zundel very ably discussed the subject, "The League as a Training School for Practical Church Work." Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D. D., of Pittsburg, closed the day's work with a masterly address on the subject, "Wanted—Leaguers Who Mean It." Special music by the local choir was one of the features of the convention. Every session was well attended, and not only were the delegates and pastors enthusiastic in the work, but the citizens in general manifested much interest.

Pittsburgh District

—The Luther League of the English Lutheran Church at Duquesne, Rev. W. Ira Guss

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Northwestern Pennsylvania Central

— The next convention of the Central Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania will be held at Erie on August 18-20. The present officers are: Pres., W. L. Berst; vice-pres., Rev. I. O. Baker; treas., W. S. Vollmer; sec., Miss Zoe Hirt, 1016 Wayne street, Erie.

ILLINOIS

— The ninth annual State Convention of the Luther League of Illinois will be held in Chicago. The date selected is from September 3 to 6, inclusive. It is the plan to begin on Thursday evening, and close on Sunday afternoon with a grand rally. The theme for the convention's discussion is "The Lutheran Opportunity in America." With the great open doors for mission work awaiting our Church, it is the desire to stir up the Lutheran young people of this State to a deeper sense of their responsibility and a fuller conception of the privileges which are theirs. To this end an opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., president of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, Baltimore, Md. On Friday evening there will be three meetings held in the three parts of the city, two addresses to be delivered at each. At the grand rally on Sunday afternoon, addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Prof. E. G. Lund. D. D., of Minneapolis, Minn., and Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, our general secretary, of Omaha, Neb. In addition to these "big" meetings, the day sessions will be devoted to a discussion of what we have done, and what we are doing, as a Church in America, in two addresses: "The Past and Its Lessons," Rev. Peter Peterson, Galesburg; "The Present and Its Inspiration," Rev. H. C. Hahn, Superintendent of Missions, U. N. C., Eagle City, Ia. It is further planned to discuss "Luther League Topics," the "Junior League Work" and other practical subjects pertaining to the successful work of Lutheran young people's societies. Every effort will be made to have this one of the best conventions in the history of the Luther League of Illinois.

— The Young People's Society of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Bloomington invited all the young people's societies of the Paxton District to a picnic held on the 24th of June. A large number of those invited came, and a most enjoyable day was spent. At the same time a Luther League was organized, consisting of the societies represented. It was also decided that the League shall hold its annual meeting on Midsummer Day each year. The next meeing is to be held in Paxton.

Northern Illinois

— The ninth annual convention of the Lutheran Young People's Association of the Northern Illinois Synod was held in Trinity Church, Rockford, June 23-25, 1903. The convention opened Tuesday evening. Hon. Frank S. Regan of Rockford gave a very interesting chalk-talk on temperance. The enthusiastic spirit manifested at this meeting was an index of the following sessions. Very interesting and helpful papers on practical subjects were read by the young people. On Wednesday afternoon Rev. F. W. Meyer spoke on the "Power and Possibility of Lutheranism." In the evening two excellent addresses were heard. Rev. D. F. Thomas spoke on the subject, "Working and Praying," and Rev. Paul B. Holtgreve on "Lutherans and "Missions." The association determined at this convention to do some special work during the coming year in the support of work being done in Peoria by the synodical home missionary committee. Individual societies are to be urged to contribute toward the support of this work. Officers elected for the year are: Pres., Miss Katherine Harms; sec., Miss Alma Stein; treas., Mr. Le Roy Crawford. The next convention will be held at Sterling, Ill., 1904.

The Fox River Valley District

— A very successful meeting of the Fox River Valley District Luther League was held in the Swedish Lutheran Church at St. Charles, Ill., Thursday evening, May 21. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Paul W. Roth of the Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church, Elgin. Short talks, in the form of welcome addresses, and bearing on the work of the League, were given by Rev. J. Mellander and Mr. Fritz Bloom of St. Charles. The president, Rev. A. Ostrom of Aurora, responded. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. A. C. Anda, Chicago, Western Sunday School Field Secretary of the General Council. His subject was "Church Loyalty." He spoke of the Foundation, which is in the true conception of the Church, the burning love of souls, the sense of personal responsibility and willingness to be led by those whom God has placed over us. This, the speaker said, will bring about a united effort, the saving of souls and the strengthening of character. It was a most inspiring and helpful address. Special music was furnished by the choir of the Church.

WISCONSIN

— The Wisconsin State Luther League will hold its annual meeting in the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, on August 18 and 19 instead of August 11 and 12, as announced in the last issue. Dr. G. H. Geilerding, Prof. I. O. Solberg, Rev. Gustave Stearns, Dr. W. K. Frick and others will speak. The change in date was made to accommodate Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, the general secretary of the Luther League of America, who will also be in attendance and address the delegates. All who expect to be present are requested to notify Rev. S. F. Gehr, 745 Villa street, Racine, Wis.

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Twin City Central

— On Friday, July 17, the Twin City Central Luther League gave an excursion down the Mississippi River to Red Wing, leaving St. Paul on the steamer "Cyclone" at 9 a. m., arriving at Red Wing at 2 p. m., where we were met by the Luther Leagues of Red Wing and escorted through the town. Many visited the State Training School and the Norwegian Lutheran Seminaries of the Hauges Synod. The steamer was decorated with our Luther League colors, and those on shore knew us many miles off, and just before landing the Luther League Rally Hymn was enthusiastically sung, which added much to the whole spirit of the excursion. Rev. A. J. Reichert of the English Lutheran Church at Red Wing led the procession to his Church, there bidding us welcome to all the city afforded, and giving directions to the various places that would be of interest. After a very pleasant visit, supper being served in the park, which is in the center of the town, we left for home via the Chicago Great Western Railway, the train leaving Red Wing at 8 p. m. and reaching the cities at 10.30. Many prospective Leaguers took advantage of this excursion. We plan as much as possible to make every day companions of our Leaguers, and these occasions help to develop this.—JENNIE R. CAINES.

— On the evening of June 8 occurred the annual meeting of the Luther League of the First English Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Rev. Ira Oliver Nothstein pastor, and the following officers were elected: Pres., G. H. Townley; vice-pres., Miss Clara Sanderson; sec., Miss Winnie Johnson; treas., Mr. Edmund Sandeen. Rev. C. L. Warstler of St. Paul addressed the League.

SOUTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTIONS.

— Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to summon from this earth to her home in Heaven, a loyal member of our League and a faithful servant in God's kingdom, Miss Bertha Anderson of Aberdeen, S. D., Therefore, be it Resolved, That we hereby express our deep sense of loss in her death, and bowing in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we commend the sorrowing and bereaved relatives and friends to the infinite love and compassion of our God and Savior. Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Luther League of Aberdeen N. L. Church, be published in the *Christian Youth* and LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and that a copy be sent to the relatives of the deceased.

COLORADO

— On July 8 a Luther League of 25 active and eight associate members was organized in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Idaho Springs. The Topics will be used in the meetings.

— The Luther League of the Augustana Church at Denver, Rev. S. A. Brandelle pastor, has 90 members.

IOWA

— The Central Luther League of Iowa will meet at Eagle Grove, August 27-28. Mr. J. E. Johnson is president, and Miss Anna Warren is secretary.

— The second annual convention of the Northwestern Iowa Central Luther League will meet September 4-5-6 at Ruthven, Palo Alto County. Rev. Lars O. Wigdahl, *pastor loci.*

— The Young People's Society of St. John's German Church of the German Iowa Synod, at Strawberry Point, Iowa, Rev. S. Sraf pastor, recently changed their name to Luther League.

INDIANA-KENTUCKY

— The Indiana-Kentucky Luther League will meet at Mulberry, Ind., September 1 and 2. Rev. W. J. Seiberling, *pastor loci.*

— St. John's Luther League of Dubuque, Iowa, has 100 members.

WASHINGTON.

— A Luther League is to be organized in the Lutheran Church at Whatcom, Rev. Theo. Schoenberg pastor.

— In the report of the third annual meeting of the Pacific Synod, recently published, one of the officers says: "We heard such good reports from our Young People's Societies—the Luther League, especially from the League located above the Cascade rocks. Many young people do not realize what amount of good they can do for the cause of the Church of Christ. Our young men and women are the best scouts the regular army can send forth to reconnoiter and report to the general staff, the pastor and his lieutenants in battle array.

— The Columbia River Central Luther League will meet at The Dallas, Oregon, September 10-11.

— The Luther League of the West Side, Chicago, held a union meeting in the Swedish Church at Austin on July 18. An interesting programme was rendered. Many attended. Refreshments were served at the close of the programme.

Summer Tour to the North

The Pennsylvania Railroad personally-conducted tour to Northern New York and Canada, leaving August 12, covers many prominent points of interest to the summer tourist—Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Rapids of the St. Lawrence, Quebec, The Saguenay, Montreal, Au Sable Chasm, Lakes Champlain and George, and Saratoga. The tour covers a period of fifteen days; round-trip rate, $125.

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